



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

- WHEREAS: Quality afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences to help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills. These opportunities also support working families and build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has worked to encourage community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, based on the principle that quality afterschool programs are an important factor in helping Georgia's children become successful adults; and
- WHEREAS: Many children have parents who work outside of the home, and it is imperative that these young citizens have access to a safe environment during the hours after school and before their parents or guardians return home from work; and
- WHEREAS: Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and their communities. Our state is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities to help prepare young people to join the workforce and compete in today's economy; and
- WHEREAS: Many communities across Georgia and the United States will honor the annual Lights On Afterschool celebration; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2017, as LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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